

Fish and Wildlife Service Makes Cape Hatteras Electric Cooperative Draft Compatibility Determination for Amending Right-of-Way Permit ES-0852 Available for Public Review

Refuge Manager Mike Bryant announced today that the DRAFT COMPATIBILITY DETERMINATION for the Cape Hatteras Electric Cooperative Request for Amending Right-of-Way Permit ES-0852 for relocation of the electric transmission line at two sites is available for public review and comment until June 3, 2013. The utility corridor relocation proposed will be conducted on Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge. Comments are being sought on the benefits and impacts from amending the existing Right-of-Way Permit.

Federal wildlife refuges are required by law to determine the compatibility of any proposed non-wildlife dependent use with the mission of the national wildlife refuge system and the purpose for which a particular refuge was established. "The mission of Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge is to protect migratory birds and other native wildlife and their breeding grounds and habitat for the benefit of the American people," stated Bryant. He added, "We want the community to be informed about the work being proposed and to have an opportunity to weigh in on the pros and cons of that work."

If you wish to review the Draft Compatibility Determination, copies are available at the Refuge administrative office at 100 Conservation Way, Manteo, N.C., on the Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge web site at <http://www.fws.gov/peaisland>, and at the Dare County Public Libraries. Written comments may be sent to: Refuge Manager, Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 1969, Manteo, N.C. 27954 or emailed to dennis_stewart@fws.gov.

All comments must be submitted no later than close of business (4:00 PM) on June 3, 2013. If you need additional information, please contact Refuge Biologist Dennis Stewart at (252) 473-1131 X231.